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> New U.S. Patent Application Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING TYRES, TYRES THUS OBTAINED AND **ELASTOMERIC COMPOSITIONS USED THEREIN** being a Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/09646. filed December 6, 1999.

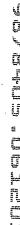
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/09646, filed December 6, 1999., which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98124373.6, filed December 22, 1998, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/116,237 filed January 15, 1999.

- Application 39 pages, including 6 independent claims and 58 claims 1. total (as amended).
- Preliminary Amendment including an Abstract of the Disclosure. 2.
- Drawings 3 sheets of formal drawings containing 3 figures. 3.



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- 4. Copy of cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO 00/37555
- 5. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 98124373.6, filed December 22, 1998.
- 6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 2 documents attached.
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 98124373.6, filed December 22, 1998, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/116,237, filed January 15, 1999.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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